

# MAGISTRATE

## DESCRIPTION

The Magistrate's Office is an Office of the County, under the supervision of the Chief Circuit Court Judge and the Supreme Court of Virginia. Magistrates issue warrants of arrest, conduct bail bond hearings, commit offenders to jail, and release prisoners from jail. The Magistrate's Office is open 24

hours a day. The principal function of the Magistrate's Office is to provide an independent review of complaints from Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, and residents. These complaints supply the magistrate with facts needed to determine whether a warrant of arrest should be issued.

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	<b>FY2000 Actual</b>	<b>FY2001 Adopted</b>	<b>FY2002 Biennial Planned</b>	<b>FY2002 Adopted</b>	<b>Change FY2001 to FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003 Projected</b>	<b>FY2004 Projected</b>	<b>FY2005 Projected</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating</b>	5,204	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,200	4,200	4,200
<b>Capital</b>	<u>767</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	0.0%	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$5,971	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	0.0%	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
<b>Revenue</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Cost</b>	\$5,971	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	0.0%	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
<b>FT Pos.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The Magistrate's budget is comprised of funds for operating expenses and capital purchases. All personnel expenses are funded by the State. The Magistrate's Office continues to focus on its need to automate many of its operating and records

management functions. While there has been no increase in funding, the FY2002 budget includes costs for the purchase of an additional personal computer for this purpose. All other expenses remain constant.

## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

As the Chesterfield County population continues to expand, so do the demands on the Magistrate's Office. Personnel and office space have been identified as the most critical needs for the Office. There is anticipation of a need for a satellite office in the Matoaca area, as growth in the crime rate there demands an increasing need for police presence.

The Magistrate's Office has made tremendous progress in the past few years in the area of office automation. It is the goal of the Office to eventually

become fully automated in the area of records management.

With the completion of the regional jail, full utilization of facilities has become an increasing challenge without the availability of a fiber optic telecommunication system. This has become a top priority for the near future.

At this time, no funding has been included in the Magistrate's budget projections to address these issues.